## SHEEHAN FAMILY

NB: The following is prepared from Falkland Islands Registers and files – there may be other family born outside the Falklands. Unless stated otherwise, all dated births, deaths and marriages occurred in the Falklands and all numbered graves are in Stanley Cemetery. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.

Katherine? was born circa 1832 (not in the Falkland Islands).

Katherine was married to ? SHEEHAN

Katherine and her daughter arrived 16 October 1889 on board the Pentaur from Dartmouth.

**Katherine SHEHAN**, age 61 and a widow, died 19 September 1893 at Port Stephens from diabetes melitus and was buried there. She was a Roman Catholic.



Back: Vincent, George (bridegroom), Alfred BIGGS.
Middle: Ellen BIGGS, Honoria SHEEHAN (bride), Madeleine BIGGS.
Front: pageboys (believed to be Biggs's

**Honoria SHEEHAN** was born 17 December 1872 in London, England. **Honoria SHEEHAN**, age 18 and living in Stanley, was married to **George Patrick BIGGS**, age 34 and living on George Island, 5 November 1889 according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of Rome by Patrick Joseph Diamond, R C Priest. The witnesses were Arthur Henry Biggs and Catherine Bridget Biggs. George's father was recorded as William Biggs of Stanley and Honoria's father was not recorded. George died 7 January 1906, age 51, from delirium tremens and asthenia. The informant was his father, W Biggs, Stanley. Honoria, age 82 and a widow, travelled to the UK in 1955. She was recorded as being 5' 7 ½" tall with blue eyes and grey hair.

## FIRST GENERATION:

## Children of Honoria and George BIGGS:

1. **Kathleen Mary BIGGS** born 29 October 1890 on George Island and baptised 1 November 1890 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd overseer. Her mother was recorded as Norah Biggs formerly Shean. Her godparents were Vincent A H Biggs and Madeline Agatha Biggs. Kathleen was married to **Bernard Claude BIGGS** 15 September 1914 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were Mabel N Biggs and W J McAtasney. Kathleen's father was recorded as George P Biggs, carpenter and Bernard's father was recorded as William J Biggs, carpenter. Bernard, age 83, died in Stanley 10 October 1968 and was buried 14 October 1968 in Grave T2113. Kathleen, age 78 and a widow, emigrated to Toronto, Canada via the USA in 1969. She was recorded as being 4' 1 ½" tall with blue eyes and white hair.



Kathleen in 1969

2. Mabel Rosali BIGGS born 18 August 1892 in Stanley and baptised Mabel Honoria BIGGS 6 November 1892 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Her mother was recorded as Honoria Biggs formerly Sheen. Her godfather was Jacob Derritt. Mabel was married to William John McATASNEY, clerk, 26 August 1915 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were Joe McAtasney and Nellie McAtasney. Mabel's father was recorded as George P Biggs, carpenter and John's father was recorded as John McAtasney, blacksmith. Mabel, a housewife and dressmaker, emigrated to the UK in 1949. She was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with blue eyes and brown hair.



Mabel in 1949

- Winifred BIGGS born 6 November 1893 at Port Stephens. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Winifred died age 24 hours (no cause of death or burial record – most likely buried at Port Stephens).
- 4. **Boy BIGGS** born 4 October 1895 at Port Stephens. He died 6 October 1895 at Port Stephens from inanition (*no birth record or burial record most likely buried at Port Stephens*). [FIM Dec 1893]
- 5. **George BIGGS** born 16 October 1896 at Port Stephens. George died 17 October 1896 at Port Stephens, age 12 hours (*no birth, death or burial record most likely buried at Port Stephens*). [FIM Nov 1896]
- 6. **Eric George John BIGGS** born 30 November 1901 in Stanley and baptised 6 March 1902 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. His mother was recorded as Nora Biggs formerly Sheehan. His godparents were John Lehen and Nellie Dettleff. Eric, a labourer, was married to **Helen MacNICOLL** 8 February 1928 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were B C Biggs and P MacNicoll. Eric's father was recorded as George Patrick Biggs, deceased and Helen's father was recorded as James MacNicoll, blacksmith. Helen, age 22, went to the UK in 1930 on vacation. She was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue eyes and fair hair. Eric, age 53 and a dairyman, emigrated to the UK in 1955. He was recorded as being 6' 1 ½ " tall with blue eyes and fair hair.



Eric in 1955 and Helen and Ian in 1930